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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

1. Claim 27 provides for the use of the composition of claim 1, but, since the claim does not set forth any steps involved in the method/process, it is unclear what method/process applicant is intending to encompass. A claim is indefinite where it merely recites a use without any active, positive steps delimiting how this use is actually practiced.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 11, 27, 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kawasaki (JP-1996-08266211, English Translation).

4. ‘Turning the Heat Up on Crisco (and Lard)’ is cited as evidence.

5. Kawasaki generally discloses a bread quality improver comprising edible oil, emulsifiers, and a protein powder [0006].

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6. Regarding claims 1 and 2, exemplary compositions are disclosed containing 59-74% rapeseed salad oil (canola oil), which possesses the fatty acid composition required, about 26% of lecithin and glycerol fatty acid ester as emulsifiers, and about 6-10% of a humectant protein (Table 1). The ratio of oil (A) to emulsifier (B) in these examples is about 2.25-2.8.

7. Regarding claim 5, Kawasaki discloses the fat and oil composition of claim 1, but does not disclose the degree of penetration for the composition. However, one having ordinary skill in the art would expect the fat and oil composition of Kawasaki, having the formulation as claimed, to possess the same physical properties, including the degree of penetration.

8. Regarding claim 7, Kawasaki discloses producing Pullman bread comprising per 100 parts flour, 2 parts of the bread quality improver as in claim 1, and 5 parts of shortening (fat) ([0021]). As evidenced by 'Turning the heat up on Crisco (and Lard)', common shortenings possess melting points within the claimed range.

9. Regarding claim 10, Kawasaki discloses bread of claim 7, but does not disclose the stress of the bread upon 50% compression after 3 days storage at 20 C in N. However, one having ordinary skill in the art would expect the bread of Kawasaki, having the formulation as claimed, to possess the same physical properties, including the stress of the bread upon compression.

10. Regarding claim 11, the bread is sliced ([0023]).

11. Regarding claims 27 and 28, Kawasaki discloses the production of bread using the composition of claim 1 ([0022]).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

12. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

13. Claims 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20-22, 24, 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawasaki (JP-1996-08266211, English Translation).
14. 'Turning the Heat Up on Crisco (and Lard)' is cited as evidence.
15. Regarding claims 12, 15, 16, Kawasaki discloses a bread composition comprising per 100 parts flour, 2 parts of the bread quality improver as in claim 1, and 5 parts of shortening (fat) ([0021]). As seen in 'Turning the heat up on Crisco (and Lard)', common shortenings possess melting points within the claimed range. Kawasaki discloses the use of the bread improver in breads comprising about 5 parts sugar per 100 parts of flour. The breads disclosed in Kawasaki are Pullman type breads, which are generally known in the art to be relatively non-sweet, sandwich loaves. However, it is well known in the art to produce sweet-breads comprising higher levels of sugar and shortening, and it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to produce a sweetened bread using the bread improver of Kawasaki, as the incorporation of the quality improver in breads allows preservation of the breads flavor and texture, even after multiple days of storage ([0022]). Although Kawasaki does not disclose the stress of the bread upon 50% compression after 3 days storage at 20 C in N, one having ordinary skill in the art would expect a sweetened bread produced using the bread improver of Kawasaki, having the formulation as claimed, to possess the same physical properties, including the stress of the bread upon compression.
16. Regarding claims 17, 19, Kawasaki discloses a bread composition comprising per 100 parts flour, 2 parts of the bread quality improver as in claim 1, 5 parts of sugar, and 5 parts of

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shortening (fat) ([0021]). As evidenced by 'Turning the heat up on Crisco (and Lard)', common shortenings possess melting points within the claimed range. Although the level of shortening present in the types of bread produced by Kawasaki is lower than claimed, it is well known in the baking art to produce brioche-type breads, which are enriched by high levels of shortening. As the bread improver of Kawasaki allows preservation of the breads flavor and texture, even after multiple days of storage ([0022]), it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include the bread improver in highly shortened bread, such as brioche. Regarding claims 24 and 26, brioche is known within the art as a cake-type product, and would be expected to have the claimed properties.

17. Regarding claims 20-22 Kawasaki discloses a bread composition comprising per 100 parts flour, 2 parts of the bread quality improver as in claim 1, 5 parts of sugar, and 2.2 parts yeast ([0021]). Kawasaki discloses immediate baking of the bread. However, within the baking art, it is well known to freeze finished dough in order to provide a bakery product that can be freshly baked by the consumer. The level of yeast disclosed in Kawasaki is slightly lower than the claimed 3 parts yeast; however, one having ordinary skill in the bread-baking art at the time of the invention would find it obvious to adjust the quantity of yeast used in order to adjust the texture and rise of the bread as a matter of routine skill in the art.

18. Claims 3-4, 8-9, 13-14, 18, 23, 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawasaki (JP-1996-08266211, English Translation) in view of Nelson (US 4,456,626).

19. 'Turning the Heat Up on Crisco (and Lard)' is cited as evidence.

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20. Kawasaki discloses the fat and oil composition for bakery products of claim 1, wherein the emulsifier comprises about 75% glycerol fatty acid ester (15% and 5% lecithin), but fails to disclose the presence of propylene glycol fatty monoester as part of the emulsifier system.

Nelson, like Kawasaki, discloses emulsified fat and oil compositions comprising fats such as rapeseed oil (col. 2, lines 34-44) emulsified with 13 to 35% of an emulsifier, wherein the emulsifier comprises polyglycerol fatty acid monoester (indicated by Kawasaki to be within the emulsifiers indicated by glycerol fatty acid esters ([0008]) in combination with propylene glycol fatty acid monoester in a ratio of 1:2 (col. 2, lines 10-20). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the emulsified oil composition for bakery products disclosed by Kawasaki by replacing the glycerol fatty acid ester/lecithin emulsifier system with the propylene glycol fatty acid monester/polyglycerol fatty acid monoester emulsifier system disclosed by Nelson, as it would require the substitution of equivalent emulsifier systems known in the art for producing emulsified bakery fats.

21. Regarding claims 8 and 9, Kawasaki discloses producing Pullman bread comprising per 100 parts flour, 2 parts of a bread quality improver, and 5 parts of shortening (fat) ([0021]). As evidenced by 'Turning the heat up on Crisco (and Lard)', common shortenings possess melting points within the claimed range. In using the bread quality improver according of Kawasaki and Nelson as in claim 3, one would expect the bread quality improver portion of the bread to comprise 59-74% rapeseed salad oil (canola oil), which possesses the fatty acid composition required, about 26% polyglycerol fatty acid monoester/ with propylene glycol fatty acid monoester in a ratio of 1:2, and about 6-10% of a humectant protein (Table 1). One would then expect at least about 1.18 parts liquid oil, .5 parts emulsifier, and about .12 parts of humectant.

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22. Regarding claims 13 and 14, Kawasaki discloses a bread composition comprising per 100 parts flour, 2 parts of a bread quality improver, and 5 parts of shortening (fat) ([0021]). As seen in 'Turning the heat up on Crisco (and Lard)', common shortenings possess melting points within the claimed range. Kawasaki discloses the use of the bread improver in breads comprising about 5 parts sugar per 100 parts of flour. The breads disclosed in Kawasaki are Pullman type breads, which are generally known in the art to be relatively non-sweet, sandwich loaves. However, it is well known in the art to produce sweet-breads comprising higher levels of sugar and shortening, and it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to produce a sweetened bread using the bread improver of Kawasaki, as the incorporation of the quality improver in breads allows preservation of the breads flavor and texture, even after multiple days of storage ([0022]). In using the bread quality improver according of Kawasaki and Nelson as in claim 3, one would expect the bread quality improver portion of the bread to comprise 59-74% rapeseed salad oil (canola oil), which possesses the fatty acid composition required, about 26% polyglycerol fatty acid monoester/ with propylene glycol fatty acid monoester in a ratio of 1:2, and about 6-10% of a humectant protein (Table 1). One would then expect at least about 1.18 parts liquid oil, .5 parts emulsifier, and about .12 parts of humectant.

23. Regarding claim 18, 25 Kawasaki discloses a bread composition comprising per 100 parts flour, 2 parts of the bread quality improver as in claim 1, 5 parts of sugar, and 5 parts of shortening (fat) ([0021]). As evidenced by 'Turning the heat up on Crisco (and Lard)', common shortenings possess melting points within the claimed range. Although the level of shortening present in the types of bread produced by Kawasaki is lower than claimed, it is well known in the baking art to produce brioche-type breads, which are enriched by high levels of shortening. As

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the bread improver of Kawasaki allows preservation of the breads flavor and texture, even after multiple days of storage ([0022]), it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include the bread improver in highly shortened bread, such as brioche. In using the bread quality improver according of Kawasaki and Nelson as in claim 3, one would expect the bread quality improver portion of the bread to comprise 59-74% rapeseed salad oil (canola oil), which possesses the fatty acid composition required, about 26% polyglycerol fatty acid monoester/ with propylene glycol fatty acid monoester in a ratio of 1:2, and about 6-10% of a humectant protein (Table 1). One would then expect at least about 1.18 parts liquid oil, .5 parts emulsifier, and about .12 parts of humectant. Additional fat and oil would be contributed by the shortening used in the composition.

24. Regarding claim 23, Kawasaki discloses the bread according to claim 22. In using the bread quality improver according of Kawasaki and Nelson as in claim 3, one would expect the bread quality improver portion of the bread to comprise 59-74% rapeseed salad oil (canola oil), which possesses the fatty acid composition required, about 26% polyglycerol fatty acid monoester/ with propylene glycol fatty acid monoester in a ratio of 1:2, and about 6-10% of a humectant protein (Table 1). One would then expect at least about 1.18 parts liquid oil, .5 parts emulsifier, and about .12 parts of humectant.

25. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawasaki (JP-1996-08266211, English Translation) in view of JP 5818303 (Dialog abstract, hereafter '303).

26. Kawasaki discloses the oil or fat composition of claim 1, wherein the component (C) is a protein, rather than a thickening polysaccharide. However, '303 discloses a bakery fat composition comprising an emulsified oily phase comprising an edible emulsifier (a) and a

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viscosity increasing agent (b), which may be a protein as in Kawasaki; or alternatively, a thickening polysaccharide such as xanthan or locust bean gum. Given this disclosure, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to substitute the protein component used in Kawasaki with a thickening polysaccharide, as such a replacement would involve the substitution of compounds known in the art to be functional equivalents as evidenced in '303.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANDREW KRAUSE whose telephone number is (571)270-7094. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Keith Hendricks can be reached on (571)272-1401. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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